

**ABSTRACT**

2       A night light design which allows for improved functionality over those heretofore  
3   available. The basic design is flexible enough to be adapted for either indoor or outdoor use, and  
4   for various brightness levels. Particularly for outdoor use, bulbs of up to 15 watts can be used,  
5   providing an increased illumination level. All designs preferably include a light sensing element  
6   and a control circuit, wherein the light turns itself on when the ambient lighting levels fall low  
7   enough. Also, several preferred embodiments include a variable control, wherein the brightness  
8   of the night light can be continuously varied between very dim and full brightness.